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DMR Announces Change to Allow Multiple Point Hook Use

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has announced a revision to Ordinance 7.027 authorized by the Commission on Marine Resources at its October 19, 2004 meeting. **Effective December 1, 2004**, the amended ordinance will allow fishermen the use of treble, or multiple point hooks when fishing with live, dead or cut bait.

The change eliminates Section 11, which states: "It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to use a multiple point hook (e.g., double or treble hooks) when fishing with live, dead or cut bait within the saltwaters under the territorial jurisdiction of the State of Mississippi. This section shall not be construed to restrict the types of hooks which may be used on artificial lures."

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the State by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at www.dmr.state.ms.us.

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